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March 6, 1980RETIRED BISHOP
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LaPORTE, Ind. -- The Rt. Rev. Walter Conrad Klein, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, died here on March 1 at the age of 75.

Bishop Klein retired as head of the diocese -- the see city of which is South Bend -- in 1972. He had been elected bishop coadjutor of the diocese in 1963 and became the diocesan that same year.

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1904, Bishop Klein received his B. A. degree from Lehigh University, and from General Theological Seminary in New York City he received his B. D., S. T. M. and S. T. D. degrees. He was awarded an S. T. D. degree from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in 1957. He received his Ph. D. degree from Columbia University in 1940.

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1928, he served parishes in New York City, in Newark and Morris Plains, N. J., and in Norristown and Haddington, Pa. During World War II, he was a chaplain in the U. S. N. R.

Bishop Klein was in Jerusalem from 1946 to 1950, first on the staff of the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem and for two years as canon at St. George's Cathedral.

He had been lecturer and chairman of the graduate department at Philadelphia Divinity School. In the 1950s he was professor of Old Testament literature and languages and assistant dean at Seabury-Western and from 1959 to 1963 he was dean of Nashotah House.

He is survived by his wife, Helene Rosentreter Klein and two children. On March 5 a service was held at St. Paul's Church, LaPorte, where he had made his home since retirement.

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